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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendices D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	PRODUCTION												Electric motors under 720 W '000				
	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1978-79	May	8,209	6,901	18,255	40.7	8,261	7,848	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235
	June	7,087	6,752		34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246
1979-80	July	6,513	6,424		36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241
	August	6,853	7,140	24,667	39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272
	September	7,384	7,359		33.5	8,026	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301
	October	8,353	7,116	26,550	38.4	7,911	7,858	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	324	268
	November	8,418	7,181		32.9	7,510	7,972	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294
	December	5,344	7,294		28.1	7,38	8,028	21,930	25,666	749	740	422	443	28.8	34.4	291	310
	January	5,854	7,633		22.1	7.3	8,124	21,433	26,782	763	718	309	456	11.1	30.7	115	254
	February	5,647	5,186	21,579	32.9	8,044	22,369	26,159	658	674	474	463	34.6	34.2	272	270	
	March	7,202	7,105		35.4	8,115	24,503	27,178	628	611	449	434	33.6	32.0	283	274	
	April	5,311	6,107		35.7	7.0	8,068	25,905	27,264	529	542	448	452	26.7	28.2	248	293
	May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8.1	7.0	7,797	30,516	29,045	488	462	481	456	35.6	30.7	267	286
	June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,702	8,003	34,933	30,326	489	512	457	460	29.8	29.4	284		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	STOCKS (a)												Book value at end of quarter \$m		
	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original
1978-79	May	3,599	3,442	617	582	13,802	216	195	252.1	243	474	32,935	73.5	21,989	21,936
	June	4,491	3,837	598	681	13,868	182	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6		
1979-80	July	3,921	3,804	711	712	13,765	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8	23,099	23,013
	August	4,091	3,246	755	719	13,479	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9		
	September	4,925	4,536	719	750	12,021	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,068	75.9		
	October	3,745	3,254	885	709	14,870	237	213	266.6	726	457	117,187	73.4	24,311	24,438
	November	3,659	3,092	989	835	13,159	202	191	269.3	709	456	89,906	74.5		
	December	3,544	4,479	683	796	9,514	165	187	272.2	633	443	48,544	75.1	(d)21,448	(d)69.9
	January	1,630	4,192	435	775	11,666	176	174	283.1	421	440	36,800	73.2	25,209	25,237
	February	3,476	3,083	908	775	12,168	167	164	285.2	345	422	37,351	70.7		
	March	3,207	3,308	900	824	10,587	203	212	286.0	244	383	37,928	74.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	April	900	3,424	775	777	13,140	1200	1189	287.0	218	430	29,940	74.7		
	May	3,509	3,077	673	703	13,140	12,286	167	288.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
	June	3,543	3,368	567	664	13,286	167	173							

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Affected by major industrial dispute.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b) \$m		Export price index (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100		Balance on current account \$m		Net apparent capital inflow \$m		Official reserve assets (c) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	May	1,495	1,395	1,318	1,249	1,2595	2,213	{	169	-164	225	3,824	3,758	
	June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370				161	-211	237	3,885	3,824	
1979-80	July	1,399	1,384	1,227	1,135	1,2647	1,2033	{	161	-196	67	3,865	3,814	
	August	1,299	1,245	1,325	1,232				162	-249	26	3,667	3,708	
	September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200				164	65	-260	3,858	3,893	
	October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347				169	-39	-64	4,106	4,129	
	November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317				172	-1	16	4,148	4,174	
	December	1,563	1,664	1,167	1,299				174	35	-193	4,614	4,634	
	January	1,746	1,681	1,621	1,492				179	-231	445	6,386	6,453	
	February	1,623	1,664	1,445	1,511		3,048		183	-91	254	6,495	6,477	
	March	1,622	1,809	1,331	1,395				185	60	-26	5,627	5,632	
	April	1,620	1,585	1,277	1,335				183	149	35	5,225	4,993	
	May	-1,537	1,470	1,472	1,488		n.y.a.		181	342	1596	5,271	5,210	
	June	1,794	1,757	1,394	1,439				n.y.a.	10	33	5,681	5,627	

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

(c) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales (a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000			Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original		
1978-79	May	2,348	2,262	1,221	1,294	1,272	1,249	1,104	1,180	{	45.4	40.1	10.6	9.2	3,029		
	June	2,151	2,232					40.0	39.6		9.8	9.1			3,034		
1979-80	July	2,182	2,329	1,322	1,436	1,214	1,317	1,149	1,218	{	44.6	42.4	10.4	9.4	3,047		
	August	2,322	2,320					43.7	39.8		9.7	9.1			3,030		
	September	2,182	2,325					36.3	38.6		8.8	9.6			3,023		
	October	2,334	2,314					39.8	37.7		10.9	10.1			3,027		
	November	2,501	2,358	1,760	1,450	1,742	1,336	1,485	1,256	{	38.4	38.3	10.0	10.1	3,039		
	December	3,151	2,405					32.2	35.1		7.4	8.0			3,047		
	January	2,336	2,499					33.2	38.0		8.3	10.0			3,042		
	February	2,281	2,453	3,610	3,677	2,131	2,471	1,220	1,296	{	36.3	38.1	9.7	10.6	3,039		
	March	2,367	2,520				37.0	37.4	10.0		10.0			3,026			
	April	2,391	2,484				36.3	35.5	9.3		9.4			3,012			
	May	2,657	2,526	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	{	37.7	34.8	10.8	9.8	3,009		
	June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.								36.5	36.7	11.1	10.5	n.y.a.		

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: March \$134m, April \$135, May \$145m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six state capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)											
					All groups		Food (d)		Clothing		Housing		Household equipment and operation			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79	May	232.80	231.40	571.7 589.7	n.a. n.a.	269.6	263.3 267.4	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0		
1979-80	June															
	July	238.30	238.60	590.5 590.9 591.6 591.7 595.3 595.6 622.6 623.1 624.4 625.1 625.1	1.3 1.4 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.2 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4	275.8	272.6 270.9 271.5 275.1 276.2 281.2 286.9 288.2 291.4 293.4 298.4	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2		
	August															
	September															
	October															
	November															
	December															
	January															
	February															
	March															
	April															
	May			n.y.a	n.y.a	625.1	1.4	290.3	288.2 291.4 293.4 296.2	295.2	316.8	247.0	296.5	302.8	340.6	133.8
	June					n.y.a	1.3	298.4	298.9	303.7	324.5	253.4	310.3	307.9	348.8	136.2

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes overtime. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals '000 units	Government building approved \$m	Building commen. trial \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building	Materials used in building other than house building		Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)		
					Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,724.4	32.4	31.4	278.7 280.2	278.6 279.3	575.5	556.5	1,873.4	1,731.3
1979-80	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6										
	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6										
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	1,876.2	1,799.4	32.7	31.2	287.6	288.5	531.9	524.0	1,522.1	1,559.7
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.8	126.9										
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3										
	November	848.3	798.5	13.0	12.4	131.5	1,755.8	1,860.4	32.0	34.2	293.4 295.0	292.2 293.8	675.6	594.2	1,725.1	1,620.8
	December	559.3	622.0	9.8	10.7	112.4										
	January	568.5	694.8	10.1	12.9	116.5										
	February	656.8	725.9	11.3	12.4	146.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	33.9	34.5	301.6 308.9	304.9 311.1	536.8	659.7	1,514.2	1,737.8
	March	701.0	705.6	13.3	12.7	89.4										
	April	659.0	674.1	12.7	12.9	73.9										
	May	730.4	656.2	13.3	12.3	119.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	320.0 325.2	317.5 323.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.										

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)												Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Savings banks - depositors' balances (a) \$m				Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m		Permanent building societies (d) \$m		Other lenders (e) \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	153	109	9.70	127.9	3,233	2,215
	June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94		2,623	2,342
1979-80	July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94		1,889	2,396
	August	20,131	20,059	19,958	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94	497.2	2,608	2,636
	September	20,247	20,095	20,313	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95		1,885	2,554
	October	20,364	20,159	20,993	21,025	16,216	15,830	17,846	356	208	96	9.94		2,117	2,589
	November	20,412	20,325	21,459	21,514	16,408	16,176	18,135	312	213	103	9.96	844.0	2,749	2,594
	December	20,575	20,486	22,150	21,840	16,612	16,448	18,274	245	162	93	9.97		1,894	2,444
	January	20,774	20,720	22,996	22,288	16,562	16,721	18,338	342	182	94	10.38		2,632	2,811
	February	20,964	20,856	23,241	22,339	16,564	17,039	18,387	328	226	104	10.75	517.3	2,721	2,691
	March	20,849	20,973	23,394	22,427	16,831	17,190	18,536	330	240	107	11.20		2,719	2,824
	April	20,845	21,193	23,085	22,325	17,278	17,253	18,654	345	214	98	11.40		3,967	2,763
	May	20,846	21,149	22,441	22,917	17,609	17,514	18,854	334	244	110	11.54	n.y.a.	3,711	2,535
	June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	22,683	23,605	17,513	17,549	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11.50		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure								
	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private		Government		Private		Public		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
AT CURRENT PRICES																					
1978-79	December	27,039	24,970	2,382	1,634	24,657	23,336	15,919	15,129	4,283	4,124	3,779	3,581	2,105	2,029						
	March	25,313	25,867	2,183	1,680	23,130	24,187	14,961	15,636	3,974	4,238	3,337	3,707	1,812	2,103						
	June	25,112	26,262	1,088	1,843	24,024	24,419	15,866	15,927	4,429	4,271	4,010	3,802	2,551	2,143						
1979-80	September	26,932	27,302	1,437	1,877	25,495	25,425	16,295	16,449	4,367	4,427	3,709	3,746	1,970	2,162						
	December	30,797	27,904	3,422	1,935	27,375	25,969	17,740	16,821	4,722	4,546	4,058	3,851	2,338	2,256						
	March	27,724	28,835	1,576	1,693	26,148	27,142	16,833	17,563	4,605	4,911	3,767	4,179	2,011	2,328						
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																					
1978-79	December	18,866	17,124	2,117	1,320	16,749	15,804	10,451	9,946	2,972	2,883	2,478	2,356	1,430	1,378						
	March	17,036	17,176	1,828	1,249	15,208	15,937	9,611	10,041	2,685	2,844	2,137	2,367	1,190	1,372						
	June*	15,892	17,047	483	1,298	15,409	15,749	9,972	10,025	2,964	2,853	2,508	2,380	1,640	1,384						
1979-80	September	16,788	17,258	798	1,188	16,190	16,070	9,983	10,081	2,831	2,873	2,275	2,293	1,230	1,349						
	December	19,586	17,414	2,439	1,171	17,147	16,243	10,704	10,147	3,015	2,920	2,441	2,327	1,424	1,374						
	March	16,671	17,354	1,058	1,110	15,613	16,244	9,837	10,262	2,851	3,021	2,188	2,418	1,179	1,358						
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																					
Imports of goods and services																					
Exports of goods and services																					
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements				Income of farm unincorporated enterprises				Other household income				Less direct taxes, etc.		Household disposable income		
	Companies		Other		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		
1978-79	December	4,277	4,323	3,981	3,854	3,273	2,807	6,775	5,618	14,066	13,559	1,737	21,152	2,932	19,957						
	March	4,301	4,301	4,227	4,330	2,369	2,796	6,015	5,789	13,754	14,206	1,538	20,220	3,686	18,072						
	June	4,606	4,619	4,606	4,595	2,715	2,800	4,925	6,061	14,295	14,327	475	21,807	5,616	16,667						
1979-80	September	4,565	4,527	4,780	4,837	2,994	2,981	5,923	6,130	14,824	14,878	785	21,831	3,169	19,447						
	December	4,997	5,029	5,660	5,477	3,666	3,121	8,324	6,377	15,558	15,100	2,662	23,656	3,495	22,823						
	March	5,333	5,326	5,525	5,662	2,827	3,340	5,753	6,161	15,363	15,632	874	22,337	4,297	18,913						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

JOB
VACANCIES
('000)

Month	Males				Females				Persons				Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons											
1978-79 May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3							
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3								
1979-80 July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5								
August	4,100.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0							
September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5								
October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8								
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6	34.3							
December	4,216.4		2,430.4		6,646.8		202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9								
January	4,179.9		2,337.0		6,516.9		226.9	154.1	56.9	242.3	195.5	437.8								
February	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2,416.8	6,618.6	6,572.5	215.2	160.5	68.8	230.4	214.1	444.5	36.9							
March	4,182.6		2,473.0		6,655.6		196.3	142.8	73.3	211.5	200.9	412.4								
April	4,156.0		2,440.0		6,596.5		192.9	146.3	65.3	206.9	197.5	404.5								
May	4,201.0	4,193.6	2,450.3	2,443.5	6,651.4	6,637.5	201.0	141.6	71.0	219.9	193.7	413.6	29.8							
June	4,179.2		2,459.6		6,638.8		193.3	145.0	68.6	209.6	197.2	406.8								

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)

Principal industries

Total civilian employees

Month	Males				Females				Persons				Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and retail trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.												
1978-79 May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9						
June (b)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6						
1979-80 July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2						
August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,479.7	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6	1,001.5						
September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9	1,006.9						
October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9	1,007.5						
November	3,112.3	3,115.1	1,908.3	1,896.2	5,020.7	5,011.3	3,503.4	3,490.7	1,517.3	1,520.6	1,168.8	1,165.9	1,019.5	1,011.8						
December	3,110.4	3,112.4	1,901.4	1,902.1	5,011.7	5,014.5	3,498.8	3,490.4	1,512.9	1,524.1	1,163.1	1,166.0	1,022.5	1,008.8						
January	3,111.9	3,120.1	1,883.2	1,906.4	4,995.1	5,026.5	3,489.3	3,504.8	1,505.6	1,521.7	1,163.8	1,169.0	1,013.1	1,017.3						
February	3,115.6	3,111.8	1,899.4	1,903.1	5,014.9	5,014.9	3,494.1	3,494.7	1,520.9	1,520.2	1,166.1	1,162.3	1,007.7	1,010.9						
March	r3,121.3	r3,111.8	1,908.6	1,904.7	r5,029.9	r5,016.5	3,502.9	3,493.6	r1,527.0	r1,522.9	1,168.1	1,161.2	1,007.3	1,010.9						
April	3,120.1	3,111.6	1,910.2	1,906.9	5,030.4	5,018.5	3,500.3	3,495.1	1,530.1	1,521.4	1,163.9	1,161.6	1,005.8	1,006.2						
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.														

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the June 1979 issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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